

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 14 and 15 and amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Currently Amended) A clothing shield having a body side and an outward side comprising: a chest section and a pocket section, ~~wherein the pocket section includes an~~ the pocket section having a bottom fold line and at least one opening member along the bottom fold line, the opening member causing that causes the pocket section to automatically open.
2. (Original) A clothing shield according to claim 1, wherein the pocket section opens when the clothing shield is removed from packaging or is used.
3. (Original) A clothing shield according to claim 1 further comprising a lap section.
4. (Original) A clothing shield according to claim 1, wherein the pocket section curves away from a wearer.
5. (Original) A clothing shield according to claim 1 further comprising one or more attachment devices for securing the clothing shield to a wearer.
6. (Original) A clothing shield according to claim 1, wherein the opening member is a resilient or elastic opening member.
7. (Original) A clothing shield according to claim 6, wherein the resilient opening member comprises filaments.
8. (Currently Amended) A clothing shield having a body side and an outward side comprising: a chest section, a pocket section and a lap section, ~~wherein the pocket section includes~~ the pocket section having a live hinge-opening member along a bottom fold line of the pocket section.

9. (Original) A clothing shield according to claim 8, wherein the live hinge-opening member is formed of molded plastic.

10. (Original) A clothing shield according to claim 1, wherein the clothing shield is of sufficient size to protect a chest, lap and immediate surrounding environment of a wearer.

11. (Original) A clothing shield according to claim 1, wherein the pocket section is a substantially full-width pocket section.

12. (Original) A clothing shield according to claim 1, wherein the body side comprises a liquid impermeable material.

13. (Original) A clothing shield according to claim 1, wherein the outward side comprises an absorbent material.

14. (Canceled) A clothing shield according to claim 1, wherein the opening member is disposed in the bottom of the pocket member.

15. (Canceled) A clothing shield according to claim 1, wherein the opening member is at the top of the pocket member.

16. (Currently Amended) A clothing shield according to claim 1, wherein the further comprising an attachment device comprises adhesive material.

17. (Original) A method for using the clothing shield of claim 1 comprising securing the clothing shield to a wearer.

18. (Original) A method according to claim 17 further comprising protecting clothing during eating, washing or oral care of the wearer.

19. (New) A clothing shield according to claim 16, wherein the attachment device comprises an adhesive material.

20. (New) A clothing shield according to claim 1, wherein the pocket section further comprises multiple layers.

21. (New) A clothing shield according to claim 1, wherein the opening member is external to the pocket section.

22. (New) A clothing shield according to claim 1, wherein the opening member is inside the pocket section.

23. (New) A clothing shield according to claim 20, wherein the opening member is between any one of the multiple layers of the pocket section.